

December 18, 2002

Public Notice for 401 Certification
Railroad Square Storm Drain Improvement Project
Sonoma County

On August 15, 2002 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Jeff Foster requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the state and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

The Storm Drain Improvement project site is located on Pierson Street in Santa Rosa. The storm drain system proposed for improvement cannot currently handle the storm water flows that typically occur during the winter season; local flooding results from this situation. The project applicant proposes to install catch basins, storm drain manholes, and additional pipes, in order to prevent flooding. The applicant also proposes to construct a 48 inch corrugated metal pipe Storm water outfall into Santa Rosa Creek just West of Pierson Street. The outlet, as stated in the project description, is designed according to the current Sonoma County Water Agency standards. The outlet will include rock rip-rap to dissipate the energy of the water discharging from the outfall, and prevent bank erosion. Construction is proposed to begin in May of 2003.

The disposition of California Environmental Quality Act compliance has not been determined at this time. The project proponent has applied for a California Department of Fish and Game 1603 Streambed Alteration Agreement and a United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit.

At this time the Regional Water Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. The Regional Water Board will consider all comments pertaining to this project which are received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov, or send comments to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.